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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	Date: December 20, 2002
Nelson R. Holcomb et al.	:	
Serial No.: 09/900,084	:	Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: July 5, 2001	:	
For: A BUFFER COMPOSITION AND	:	Examiner: Arun K. Chakrabarti
METHOD FOR HYBRIDIZATION	:	
OF MICROARRAYS ON	:	
ADSORBED POLYMER	:	
SILICEOUS SURFACES	:	

OFFICIAL AMENDMENT

Box Non Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

An Office Action mailed September 20, 2002 was received for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace Claims 1-57, as originally filed, with the following replacement Claims 20-35 and 50. Claims 32, 34, 35 and 50 have been amended, and non-elected Claims 1-19, 36-49 and 51-57 have been canceled, without prejudice. The amendments are reflected in the replacement claims herein below. Canceled Claims 1-19, 36-49 and 51-57 are not included in the replacement claims herein. The attached Appendix provides a marked-up version of the claims, as filed, and a request to amend Claims 32, 34, 35 and 50 and cancel Claims 1-19, 36-49 and 51-57. The status of the claims is shown in parenthesis at the beginning of each claim.